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THE WIDENING INTELLECTUAL FELLOWSHIP OF THE SEMINARY.

In our intellectual lives we are members one of another. How may this be more fully realized? President Eliot of Harvard recommended certain books occupying five feet of space as the basis of a cultured life; but the pastor with an income of one thousand dollars or less has plenty of shelf room. He lacks the financial resource to buy the books he wants. To him a comprehensive book review or a rapid fire of the most recent publications is often disheartening; but if books to be had for a definite sum within the range of a moderate purse are recommended, the list may become an encouragement. This is the principle governing the publication of this number.

Each professor in his own department has recommended ten dollars' worth of books or more which are valuable to know and to own. Some of them are recent books, while others are of earlier date. They have proved their permanent worth for the man whose library must be limited and whose books must be in constant service.

From these books there have been arranged several groups, each one aggregating in cost twenty-five dollars. Each individual group lays a major emphasis upon some one branch, but introduces enough other lines of reading to maintain a balanced habit of thought. Several other suggestions, apart from departmental recommendations, have also been added. It is hoped that this issue of the REGISTER may meet the needs of those who have been inquiring concerning their winter reading; that it may be a stimulus to others to put by a fund for the enrichment of their libraries; that it may be suggestive to still others in such a way as to lead them to ask further guidance and suggestion for their study in accordance with their tastes and needs. To this end the Seminary invites correspondence, which will be referred to the proper professors for answer. Thus may the Seminary be a factor in quickening the intellectual fellowship of the ministry. Perhaps these groups may guide in the purchase of Christmas gifts for the minister's home.

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AN X IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

OZORA S. DAVIS.

In buying books in practical theology it is necessary to keep in mind the precise thing that is wanted. In this department there are two ways of presenting the material: one is to give the great fundamental principles; the other is to propose the specific methods by which the practical work of the church is to be done. This must determine the selection of books in this field.

Do you desire to get at the theory of church work; or do you seek for specific directions in the doing of it? Are you after principles or programs?

Both kinds of books are of value. The former gives the minister greater freedom. The latter furnishes the more immediate help. Probably the best book on the whole is the one that unites the two methods of treatment.

PROFESSOR HOYT'S TWO BOOKS.

Professor Arthur S. Hoyt teaches Sociology and Homiletics in Auburn Seminary. Two volumes from his hand, "The Work of Preaching" and "The Preacher, His Person, Message and Methods," are now to be had in editions costing only fifty cents a book, and are the best investment for a dollar in the department of Homiletics. Professor Hoyt gives general principles and specific suggestions. He knows the preacher's task and presents it in a way to inspire one to do his work with a greater sense of its privilege and joy. Be sure to ask for the cheaper editions of these books.

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DR. LYMAN ON THE PASTOR.

For inspiration and help in the parish we commend Albert J. Lyman's "The Christian Pastor in the New Age," published by Crowell at one dollar. Dr. Lyman delivered these lectures to the students at Bangor Seminary. It is not merely a series of academic lectures. He shares his confidence with his student partners and hearers. This book will glorify many a hard task and long hour in the pastorate.

SERMONS.

As a rule ministers read few sermons. The reason for this it is not necessary to discuss. Such sermons as we read should be suggestive of fresh methods of treatment for our own work. They ought not to lead us to imitation. In general it is better to read the masters. To spend the winter with Robertson, Brooks or Bushnell would be of supreme profit.

A little of our contemporaries, however, is also necessary. For stimulating value we commend Watkinson, and of the published sermons there is nothing better than "The Blind Spot." It was published by Revell at one dollar; but there is a special offer on the last page of the Advance for November 10, at fifty cents. Watkinson is a master of plan, clear style, apt illustration and the power to make his text stick.

George A. Gordon's "From Man to God" is also advertised in the same list at half a dollar. The long price on this is a dollar and fifty cents and the publishers are Houghton, Mifflin & Co. For its sustained intellectual power and its presentation of noble themes, primarily through preaching, we should read and own this book.

Frank W. Gunsaulus has two volumes, "Paths to Power" and "Paths to the City of God." One of these at least ought to be in the minister's library. It will stimulate the imagination, disclose the wealth of a mind richly furnished, and give many suggestions as to the way in which the deepest aspirations and moods of the spirit may be treated by the preacher. Read, for example, "The Angel Standing in the Sun" in the second volume mentioned. Either book costs a dollar and a half. Publisher, Revell.

The chapel services at Dartmouth College during the administration of William Jewett Tucker have been mighty in shaping the ideals of young men. "Personal Power" (Houghton, Mifflin & Co., \$1.50) is a collection of these addresses by President Tucker. They reveal the thought of the modern college teacher and show in a remarkable way the method of successful approach to the mind of the college man.

Sermons to children are now being published in rapid succession in England and America. Two by our Congregational brethren are excellent. Frank T. Bayley gives us "Little Ten Minutes" (Revell, \$1.00), containing sermons to the children of Plymouth church, Denver. Edwin H. Byington gathers in "The Children's Pulpit" (Pilgrim Press, 75 cents), a series of fifty-two graphic and finely finished sermons to congregations of children. Either of these will be of help in doing this particular kind of sermon work.

BOOKS ON SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

GRAHAM TAYLOR.

"Christianity and the Social Crisis," Rauschenbusch. Macmillan;
\$1.50.

The best philosophical and historical interpretation of the development of social Christianity.

"Encyclopædia of Social Reform," Bliss. Funk & Wagnalls;
\$7.50.

A uniquely valuable encyclopædia for reference to present social conditions and their development, with carefully selected bibliographical references to sources of information.

"The New Basis of Civilization," Patten. Macmillan; \$1.00.

Best general survey or social outlook.

"The Survey"—Social, Charitable, Civic. Price, \$2.00 per year.

A weekly magazine published at 229-87 Lake St., Chicago, Ill. The most comprehensive and authoritative periodical in the English language dealing with social, civic, and industrial conditions and movements.

"Constructive and Preventive Philanthropy," Lee. Macmillan;
\$1.00.

The most suggestive insight into the philanthropic field.

"American Charities" (new edition), Warner. Crowell; \$2.00.
Standard introduction to American charities.

"The Good Neighbor," Richmond. Lippincott; 60 cents.

An admirable statement of the obligations and resources of neighborliness.

"Social Duties from the Christian Point of View," Henderson.
University of Chicago Press; \$1.25.

Well fulfills the promise of its title.

"The American City," Wilcox. Macmillan; \$1.25.

Best single book on the subject.

"The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets," Addams. Macmillan; \$1.25.

An incisively sympathetic interpretation of the relation of the youth and the city.

"Twenty Years at Hull House," Addams. Macmillan; \$2.50.

An autobiographic narrative and reflection of the scenes and movements through which Miss Addams has lived and worked for two decades.

"Misery and Its Causes," Devine. Macmillan; \$1.25.

A thoroughly modern view of the causes, relief and prevention of misery.

"How to Help," Conyngton. Macmillan; \$1.50.

An excellent directory for personal and organized helpfulness.

"Social Solutions in the Light of Christianity," Hall. Eaton & Mains; \$1.50.

A critical and constructive review of social conditions and the ethical obligations of Christians toward them.

A THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL GROUP.

C. A. BECKWITH.

"Psychology," C. H. Judd. Scribners; \$2.50.

The presentation is from the genetic point of view. Those who would organize personality through Christian nurture and the training of character, following the psychological path, will find this book of incomparable value.

"The Problem of Human Life," as viewed by the great thinkers, from Plato to the present time, Rudolf Eucken. Scribners; \$3.00.

Here are traced the organic stages through which the consciousness of the race has unfolded the meaning of life as a whole in its relation to purpose and happiness. It would be a liberal education to master this great book, and so understand the onward flowing stream into which has been poured the currents of man's intellectual and striving life.

"The Psychological Phenomena of Christianity," G. B. Cutten. Scribners; \$2.50.

A summary of conclusions so far reached by the psychological method concerning many phenomena of Christianity both normal and abnormal.

"Evolution and Its Relation to Religious Thought," Joseph Le Conte. Appleton & Co.; \$1.50.

This book contains (1) a concise account of the meaning of evolution, (2) evidence for its truth, (3) its relation to fundamental religious problems.

"Philosophy of Religion," A. Sabatier. J. Pott & Co.; \$2.00.

The discussion deals (1) with religion, (2) with Christianity, (3) with dogma, and the intensely vital argument moves between the rigid demands on the one hand of science, and on the other hand of dogma and fixed institutions, vindicating the reality and ideal freedom of Christianity.

"The Origin and Propagation of Sin," F. R. Tennant. University Press, Cambridge; \$1.10.

This is a criticism of the traditional and philosophical doctrine of sin, with a restatement of the doctrine from the point of view of evolution and psychology.

SELECTED BOOKS, INTRODUCTORY TO THE
STUDY OF CHURCH HISTORY.

H. H. WALKER.

The following books have been selected from the vast field of historical research because they are concise, practical, and available; and because they open the door to the wider literature of the respective periods or departments of historical research, and to the sources themselves. The purpose has been to meet the needs of the minister on the field. The value of such an epitome may be twofold; the immediate helpfulness and broadened horizon secured, and better still, the stimulation to wider and deeper research along such lines as may prove particularly interesting and inspiring. To meet the latter need reference is made to the bibliography referred to in the works here enumerated.

SUGGESTED WORKS:

- (1) "A History of Christianity in the Apostolic Age," by McGiffert. Chas. Scribner's Sons; \$2.50

This work of Dr. McGiffert is the best introduction available in English for that period. After a brief consideration of the origin of Christianity, the author considers in successive chapters the primitive Jewish Christianity, Paulinism and the missionary activities of Paul, the Christianity of the church at large, and the development of the Church to the close of the Apostolic period. Especially sane and valuable is the discussion of Paul's teaching, particularly with regard to questions wherein there is wide divergence of opinion and misapprehension of Paul's positions.

- (2) "A Manual of Church History," by Newman. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, 1908; 2 vols.; \$3.50.

This work is, as its title indicates, a hand-book, and is intended to introduce the student to the entire field of the History of the Christian Church from its beginning to the opening of the twentieth century. Necessarily such a work must be much compressed in compass, and not of equal value in all its parts. Aside from this fact, which would of necessity be true of any similar work,

the author has given us a very valuable resumé of the history of the Church. Vol. I carries us down to the Reformation. Vol. II deals with the Reformation and the modern period with the growth of Denominationalism. The author gives, in connection with the various divisions of his subject, an epitome of the bibliography bearing on that particular subject, both as regards the sources and the literature. These volumes together supply a helpful door leading into wide fields of historical research.

- (3) "Text-Book of the History of Doctrines," Seeberg (translated from the German by Hay). Lutheran Publishing Company, Philadelphia, 1905; 2 vols.; \$4.00.

This work is the most available in English, and carries the doctrinal development down to the Council of Trent. The author's interpretations, especially with reference to Jesus and Paul, will require some modifications in the mind of the reader. The main body of the work, however, is very valuable, both as containing a compendium of the teachings of those first thinkers who have most influenced the doctrinal development of the church, with rather extensive quotations from the same; and as interpretative of the drift of Christian thought at the various stages of development of doctrine. Such books as these which have been mentioned should be on the shelves of every minister both for ready reference and for more serious work. Seeberg will also be found valuable for the bibliography and indices.

The following supplementary and equally valuable volumes are also suggested:

- (1) "The Rise of the Mediæval Church," Flick. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1909; \$3.50.

A fresh and inspiring volume, especially valuable for its exhaustive bibliography.

- (2) "The Holy Roman Empire," Bryce. The MacMillan Company, 1905; \$1.35.
(3) "The Greek and Eastern Churches," Adeney. Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1908; \$2.25.
(4) "A History of the Reformation," Lindsay. Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1906; 2 vols.; \$2.50 per vol.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

F. G. WARD.

The posthumous article by Professor Bowne, entitled "Gains for Religious Thought in the Last Century," notes the passing of the conviction that the true nature of a growing thing is to be found in its beginning; it is to be found rather in its end. To no branch of theological discipline does this consideration come with more assurance than to religious education—that department where the things of nature and the things of spirit so mysteriously interblend. This determination of a person's education in accordance with his immortal destiny is quickening the spirit of reverence at the same time that it is laying hold upon the fundamental principles of pedagogy. This principle of reverent inquiry has been kept in mind in the selection of books to be recommended by this department.

Professor Tyler of Amherst College has the Chair of Biology, but he is also a practical educator. His volume entitled "Growth in Education" (\$1.50) at once marks the growth and also seeks to direct the development of the child; in infancy, in the grammar school, in the high school, and still further on. The book is both stimulating and fundamentally instructive.

Any list of books on education which omits the name of President Hall of Clark University would be inadequate. His monumental work is his two volumes on "Adolescence." An epitome of these is a hand-book entitled "Youth, Its Education, Regimen and Hygiene" (\$1.50). The chapters on gymnastics, plays, the growth of spiritual ideals, intellectual education, the education of girls, moral and religious training, are packed full of material to set the earnest educator thinking and acting. While the two books already mentioned overlap in some things, they are in no sense duplicates.

A book that gathers up the above material and gives it a distinctively religious value is "Education in Religion and Morals" (\$1.35). Its author, George A. Coe, is a professor in Union Theological Seminary, a wide observer within his department of religious training, and a man of reverent and sympathetic spirit.

Books on religious education embracing histories, principles,

and methods are being written. A standard work has not yet been published. Pending its appearance a little volume entitled "The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice" (75 cents), by Henry H. Meyer, has been issued. This is a practical guide for the minister who wants to begin to do things.

The minister is often at a loss to know how to bring the life of Jesus home to the boy or girl of the hero-worship age. I know nothing better than that old book, "The Manliness of Christ," by Thomas Hughes, whom someone has characterized as "England's greatest school-boy." It gives the measures for comparison with other heroic characters in such a way as to bring out the pre-eminence of Jesus and to command loyalty to him.

One cannot afford to-day to overlook the reasonable appeal of religious education to the mature mind. Professor Coe's work, "The Religion of a Mature Mind" (\$1.35), awakens anew the faith that Christianity has a message to the adult for the adjustment and direction of his spiritual life.

A series of three addresses by Professor Peabody of Harvard University appears in the book entitled "The Religion of An Educated Man" (\$1.00). It is full of meat for the teacher; it is also a helpful book to put into the hands of thoughtful individuals who are struggling in the great experience of intellectual conversion.

A volume of addresses entitled "Steps of Life" (\$1.25), by Professor Carl Hilty of Switzerland, will be a helpful one in the home. All the articles are of the essay type, but they have a thoroughly scientific foundation and are written in a popular way so that the adult members of the family would enjoy reading them together during evenings at home. They should, however, be read leisurely in order to get the most out of them.

"The Heart of the Gospel," J. M. Campbell. Revell & Co.; \$1.25.

The Atonement is set in the light of modern thought as well as historical perspective, with special reference to recent literature and the practical bearing of this doctrine.

TEN DOLLARS' WORTH OF RECENT BOOKS ON
THE NEW TESTAMENT.

BENJAMIN W. ROBINSON.

Of the modern, scholarly books which have appeared for the first time within *two* years, the following are those which will be found most permanently useful for a direct study of the New Testament. The list is limited to ten dollars' worth. After the lists the full title and a brief description of each book is given.

Introduction to the New Testament, Peake, 1910.

Commentary on Matthew, Plummer, 1909.

Standard Dictionary of the Bible, Jacobus, 1909.

The following list of books indicates how a minister would most profitably invest ten dollars in books covering the general field of the New Testament. The books, though not all published within two years, are the best existing, handy, thoroughly modern books on the various fields of New Testament work which they touch.

Introduction to the New Testament, Peake, 1910.

Theology of the New Testament, Stevens, 1899.

Harmony of the Gospels, Stevens and Burton, 1904.

History of New Testament Times, Mathews, 1899.

Apocrypha of the Revised Version, 1903.

New Century Bible on Hebrews, Peake, 1902.

Twentieth Century New Testament, 1909.

Note.—For the minister who does not own one of the five Bible dictionaries mentioned below, the following title should be substituted for the last four books given above:

Standard Bible Dictionary, Jacobus, 1909.

"Critical Introduction to the New Testament," Arthur Samuel Peake. Scribners; 75 cents.

This is a new and good exposition in brief form of the results of the sanest scholarship in the field of New Testament Introduction. There is here and there a statement or a position which cannot be said to be universally accepted. But it is in general the

latest good, complete work describing the rise of the New Testament writings.

"An Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel According to St. Matthew," by Alfred Plummer. Scribners; \$3.00.

This is a thoroughly scholarly and at the same time thoroughly practical commentary on the first Gospel. Like the same author's commentary on Luke in the International Critical Commentary, it has notes here and there on Greek words, but these in no way impair its usefulness for the English reader, but rather add to its practical value.

"The Theology of the New Testament" (International Theological Library), by G. B. Stevens. Scribners; \$2.50.

This book sets forth, in systematic form, the doctrinal contents of the New Testament in clear and handy form. It will be found exceedingly helpful in studying the thought and message of Jesus, as well as of the New Testament writers.

"A Harmony of the Gospels for Historical Study: An Analytical Synopsis of the Four Gospels," by W. A. Stevens and Ernest DeWitt Burton. Scribners; \$1.00.

This book is nothing more nor less than an arrangement of the revised version of the gospels in parallel columns. But this has been done with a rare skill, which makes the book indispensable to every student of the gospels. It is especially useful in studying the life of Christ as given in the Bible Dictionary, or in connection with "Peake's Introduction to the New Testament," or in connection with a study of the teaching of Jesus as Stevens has set it forth in his "Theology of the New Testament."

"History of New Testament Times in Palestine," Shailer Mathews. Macmillan; 75 cents.

This is a practical, well arranged little book calculated to enable the reader to grasp the essential features of the religious atmosphere in which Jesus grew and lived and preached. It bridges the gap between the Old Testament and the New in a way that shows the spirit and expectation of the best Jews of Jesus' day.

"Apocrypha: Translated out of the Greek and Latin tongues, being the version set forth A. D. 1611, compared with the most ancient authorities and revised A. D. 1894." Oxford

University Press, 1903; 55c to \$1.25 (according to size of type).

This is for use with Mathews' History of New Testament Times, and is indispensable to a first-hand acquaintance with the spirit of the Jewish religion at the time of Jesus, and so to a proper understanding of the environment of Jesus and of those to whom he gave His message. These apocrypha are most of them in the Roman Catholic Bible. They are Jewish scriptures which were written after the canon of the Hebrew Old Testament had been closed.

"New Century Bible—Hebrews." Oxford University Press (American Branch); 90 cents.

This is a very brief commentary, but shows what can be done in small compass. The text of the revised version is given at the top of the page and clear concise notes and explanations complete the page. The volume will also serve as an introduction to the other volumes of the "New Century Bible," which are appearing from time to time and which are in general of a high standard of usefulness. For larger and more complete commentaries see the mention below of the "International" and the "Westminster."

"Twentieth Century New Testament" (revised edition). Revell; \$2.00.

This is an attempt at putting the New Testament into modern speech, to avoid the old familiar words and phrases which have been used until their original image and stamp have been lost. The book is of course for use, not in the church, but only in the minister's study. The effect of reading the New Testament in a new translation is often startling and suggestive. "Standard Bible Dictionary," M. W. Jacobus and others. Funk & Wagnalls; \$6.00.

The old eternal question as to what is the best Bible Dictionary for a minister's study has at last been settled. It is Hastings' 5-volume Dictionary of the Bible (\$30.00). The Encyclopædia Biblica is equally scholarly, but not so practical. Hastings' Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels is equally good, but covers a more limited field. But for the man who can purchase only a one-volume Dictionary of the Bible, there is a choice be-

tween Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible in one volume and the Standard Bible Dictionary. Although many criticisms of the Standard have been made, it is from a New Testament point of view the most practical. The fact that it is slightly briefer than Hastings' is equalized by the fact that the type and the paper are far superior. A Bible dictionary of this day and generation must be used in two ways, as a book of reference and as a text-book for systematic study of certain subjects, such as the life of Christ or the life of Paul. It must not be forgotten that when you purchase a good Bible dictionary you have purchased not merely a "dictionary" but a departmental library to be used as you would a library of a dozen volumes on various Biblical subjects.

The best Greek text of the New Testament is by Westcott and Hort, price \$1.00 (with lexicon, \$1.90). The only good Greek lexicon of the New Testament is that by Thayer (\$5.00).

For the man who reads his Testament in Greek we should mention that the last two volumes of the Expositor's Greek Testament have just appeared. Anyone who can purchase the five volumes (\$7.50 each) will never regret the outlay. The edition is very well printed. The Greek type is at the top of each page. The notes below, based directly on the Greek, are by first-class scholars who always aim at the greatest helpfulness to the minister.

The best complete commentaries on the whole New Testament (and the Bible), which are now appearing volume by volume, are the International Critical Commentary (very scholarly and with notes on the Greek) and the Westminster Commentaries (based on the English text). A good up-to-date volume in each series is here given:

"A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel According to St. Mark," by Ezra Palmer Gould. (International Critical Commentaries.) Scribners, 1896; \$2.50.

"The First Epistle to the Corinthians, with an Introduction and Notes." H. L. Goudge. (Westminster Commentaries.) E. S. Gorham, 1903; \$2.50.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS.

F. B. OXToby.

"Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament," by S. R. Driver. New edition, 1910. Scribner's Sons; \$2.50.

There is no other introduction to the literature of the Old Testament like that of Dr. Driver. It is scholarly, conservative, clear. It covers all the books of the Old Testament, giving outlines to each book, discussing questions of date and authorship, aim, general character and structure. With each book is given a bibliography. Those who wish to study the Old Testament in a thorough manner will find this book indispensable.

"The Historical Geography of the Holy Land," by George Adam Smith. Thirteenth edition, 1907. A. C. Armstrong; \$3.40.

This is by far the best geography of the Holy Land. The maps are splendid, the style of the writer charming. The book gives one a "vision of the land as a whole," and helps us "to hear the sound of running history." It tells of the "shape and disposition of Palestine; its plains, passes and mountains; its rains, winds and temperatures; its colors, lights and shades." It enables us to see a "background and feel an atmosphere for the Biblical narratives." This was the aim of Dr. Smith as stated in the preface, and he has surely been successful in carrying out his purpose.

"The Book of Genesis," by S. R. Driver. Westminster Commentary, New York. \$3.00.

Dr. Driver's commentary on Genesis is one that all should have who wish to know the standpoint of present-day scholarship in regard to the narratives of the book of Genesis. This commentary discusses thoroughly the historical character of Genesis, shows what light archæology has thrown on the narratives, gives the conclusions of science concerning the account of creation, the fall, the flood, etc. History and geography, travel and exploration are used to make plain the meaning of the book.

"Old Testament Prophecy," A. B. Davidson. Scribners; \$3.50.

The book gives the history of Hebrew prophecy, tracing its beginnings, its development, and its decline. The work is masterly.

"A Short History of the Hebrews," R. L. Ottley. Macmillan Company, 1906; \$1.25.

A history of the Hebrew people as compiled from the Old Testament, and in accordance with the principles of historical criticism. The book is clear in statement and will be found interesting and useful.

"The Theology of the Old Testament," by A. B. Davidson. International Theological Library. Scribners; \$2.50.

The book is a treatment of the doctrines of God, Man, Sin, Redemption and the Future Life as given in the Old Testament. Dr. Davidson has given a clear presentation of these doctrines. The style is admirable, the work stimulating.

"Israel's Ideal or Studies in Old Testament Theology," by Rev. John Adams. Scribners; \$1.50.

A helpful book for those who wish to understand the spirit of the theology of the Old Testament.

"The Religion of the Old Testament," by Karl Marti. Crown Theological Library. Putnam's Sons; \$1.25.

This book gives a clear presentation of the development of the Hebrew religion, through the four stages, nomad, peasant, prophetic and legalistic.

"The Early Religion of Israel," by L. B. Paton. Houghton-Mifflin Company; 50 cents.

The period from the earliest times to the beginning of the ministry of the prophets is treated. Dr. Paton points out the resemblances of the pre-Mosaic religion with Semitic religion, and holds that Moses is the true founder of the Hebrew religion. The book is valuable.

"The Religion of the Post-Exilic Prophets," by Prof. W. H. Bennett; Scribners; \$2.00.

The book is the first to appear of a series on the literature and religion of Israel. Other volumes of the series, under the editorship of Dr. James Hastings, will be "Foundations," by Professor Morris Jastrow; "Institutions and Legislation," by Prof. A. R. S. Kennedy; "History," by Prof. Hope W. Hogg; "Psalms," by Prof. Buchanan Gray; "Pre-Exilic Prophets," by Prof. R. H. Kennett; "Wisdom Literature," by Prof. J. Skinner;

"Historical Apologues," by Dr. James Moffatt; "Apocalyptic Literature," by Prof. R. H. Charles.

The work, "The Religion of the Post-Exilic Prophets," covers both the exilic and post-exilic prophets. The presentation is clear, sympathetic and scholarly. The book will be found helpful.

New volumes in the International Critical Commentary are continually appearing. Two of the latest, and both excellent, are the "Book of Genesis," by John Skinner, and "The Book of Chronicles," by Edward L. Curtis. The cost of each volume is \$3.00.

BOOKS OF POWER.

M. D. BISBEE.

The richest gift of God, aside from himself, is that of great men, whose thoughts are so vital that they continue to dominate the life of subsequent ages. These are the great fountain minds, and the books which transmit their thoughts are the literature of power. It differs from all other literature in the possession of this dynamic quality. Whenever it comes in contact with a human mind it imparts a thrill of quickening energy like the charging of a storage battery.

These minds are few in number. No race has produced many. Every man who seeks power for himself must submit to their mastery. Thus he not only becomes an "heir of all the ages," but acquires the ability to contribute something to the mental and spiritual capital of the world. One who accepts the fellowship of these immortals will need no warning against the new wine of the modern press.

While no list will make the same appeal to everyone, the following is offered by way of suggestion: Greek—Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Demosthenes; Hebrew—Moses, David, Isaiah; New Testament—John, Paul; Patristic—Augustine; Roman—Virgil, Cicero, Cæsar; Italian—Dante; Spanish—Cervantes; French—Calvin, Pascal; German—Luther, Goethè, Schiller, Kant; English—Shakespeare, Milton, Bacon, Darwin; American—Edwards, Emerson.

MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY.

H. H. WALKER.

No biographical field is more rewarding for the inspirational and practical labors of the Christian minister than that of the great Missionaries of the Church. Here, if anywhere, catholicity is exemplified; for the men who have wrought great achievements as pioneers of the cross have belonged to no one age, and to no one branch of the church. The books here suggested are included, not because they are new, but because they are great.

That we do not omit the lives of Patrick and Columba and Augustine and Boniface, and other Apostles of Mediæval Europe who prepared the way for all the glorious achievements of the later age, we include in this list:

"Missions and Apostles of Mediæval Europe," Maclear. Student Volunteer Movement; 40 cents; or,

"Heroes of the Mission Field," by Wm. P. Walsh. Whittaker; \$1.00.

(The latter including some later missionary heroes.)

That we do not forget the contributions of the Catholic Church to heroic Missionary endeavor, we also include:

"The Life of St. Francis Xavier, in Heroes of the Mission Field," Walsh (see below).

"The Life of Las Casas, the Apostle to the West Indies," Helps. Macmillan; \$1.00.

For India—"Life of Adoniram Judson," by Edward Judson, 1887. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; 90 cents.

"The Life of Alexander Duff," by George Smith, 1879. Armstrong; 2 vols.; \$3.75.

For Turkey—"My Life and Times," Cyrus Hamlin. New Edition, Pilgrim Press; \$1.50.

For China—"John Kenneth Mackenzie, Medical Missionary to China," Mrs. Bryson. Fleming H. Revell; \$1.50.

For Africa—"Personal Life of David Livingstone," by Blaikie. Revell; \$1.50.

- "The Lives of Robert and Mary Moffat," by their son, J. S. Moffat. Armstrong, New York, 1886; \$1.75.
- "Alexander Mackay of Uganda," by his sister, Mrs. J. W. Harrison. A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York, 1890; \$1.50.
- Great Island Missionaries*—"James Chalmers: His Autobiography and Letters," by Richard Lovett. Fleming H. Revell; \$1.50.
- "Life of John Coleridge Patterson, Missionary Bishop of the Melanesian Islands," by Charlotte and Mary Yonge. Macmillan & Co., 1875; 2 vols.; \$5.00.
- "John G. Paton, Missionary of the New Hebrides" (an autobiography). Revell; 2 vols.; \$2.00. Vol. 3 (1886-97); 50 cents.

FIVE BOOKS FOR THE CONGREGATIONALIST MINISTER.

OZORA S. DAVIS.

It is seldom that there appear within a short time such a series of books on the theory and the work of the Congregational churches as have been published lately. We suggest that the following five are essential tools to every Congregational minister:

1. Strong's "The Story of the American Board." Here the younger Strong has told in extremely interesting chapters the story of the work of our great missionary society during a century of time. Here are illustrations for sermons, material for preaching, and personal inspiration for the minister. The cost is \$1.75.

2. Beard's "A Crusade of Brotherhood" tells the story of the work of the American Missionary Association. It is full of the heroism and the statesmanship which have marked the work of that splendid society. The story is well told and the impression is vivid and abiding. The book costs \$1.25.

3. Douglass' "Christian Reconstruction in the South" is not a history of the work done, but rather a survey from the standpoint of a sociologist and Christian statesman of the problems and work of the American Missionary Association among the negroes and mountain whites. It goes down deeply into the great movements of contemporary life and it rises occasionally to the height of a passion that is prophetic. The volume is listed at \$1.50.

4. Nash's "Congregational Administration" costs only 75 cents and should be owned by us all. It is the most recent discussion of the problems of a developing administration among us. It is clear, well grounded in the accurate knowledge of our history and points the way into what seems now to be the new day of our polity.

5. Barton's Congregational Manual is absolutely necessary to the minister. The last edition contains not only the rules of parliamentary procedure put in the clearest possible form, but also the entire body of Congregational principles and practices as well as a compendium of forms. The single item of instructions to the scribe of a council as to the way in which the records are to be made up is worth the cost of the volume. We owe

Dr. Barton a debt of gratitude for his service in preparing this Manual. It costs \$1.00.

These five books total in cost \$6.25 and make the ten dollars, to which we limited ourselves, more than disappear. The books seem so important, however, that we have put them into a class by themselves and plead for a "special appropriation" for the entire list.

FOUR BIOGRAPHIES.

When Professor Allen wrote the larger biography of the great preacher of Trinity Church, Boston, under the title, "The Life and Letters of Phillips Brooks," he furnished every preacher with a source of inspiration. Then came the shorter "Memoirs," in one volume, containing the essential matter in the three-volume "Life." This is now being offered in special sales for only a dollar and a half. It puts this most valuable book within the reach of us all. It is worth spending the winter on.

Another biography, filled with inspiring material, is George Adam Smith's "Life of Henry Drummond." It gives us the very spirit of Drummond and puts us in touch with the story of those great years when he was so strong a force in the life of Europe and America. This is now on special sale by the Westminster Press, Chicago, for \$1.00.

Another of the great forces of Scotland was George Matheson. His devotional books, studies in the character of Jesus and interpretations of the men of the Bible are among the permanent treasures of our libraries. Dr. Macmillan has written his biography ("The Life of George Matheson," Armstrong; \$2.00) most sympathetically and with fine discrimination.

Munger's "Life of Horace Bushnell" ought to be one of the preacher's books for this winter's reading. None of these are new; but all are worth while. This volume costs \$2.00. Bushnell is here interpreted as a preacher and thinker by one who was himself both theologian and preacher.

THE BRIERLEY BOOKS.

If any minister finds it possible to take a few weeks for a careful study of a most profitable output of books, let him buy as many as he can of the following by "J. B.":

"Ourselves and the Universe;" "Problems of Living;"

"Studies of the Soul;" "The Common Life;" "The Eternal Religion;" "Religion and Experience;" "Aspects of the Spiritual." These are published by Whittaker and cost in the main about \$1.35 a volume.

James Brierley is the editorial writer of the London Christian World, whose pen initials are the familiar J. B. He was a Congregational minister. Failing health compelled him to withdraw from the active pastorate. He writes what, in the judgment of many, is the strongest editorial that is to be found in any religious weekly of the day. He is a man of profoundest vision. He sees to the heart of modern movements. He is an interpreter of the age to us. For the quality of interpretation in clear and illuminating sentences he furnishes us a model. He is preaching from his newspaper pulpit in a way that is instructive to us preachers.

These books will awaken thought on every page. The writer is at home in the literature and the history of the past. He is true philosopher and world-man. He challenges us on the point of our intellectual narrowness and will not suffer us to remain for a day merely parochial in sympathies.

Along with the strength and the insight and the vision of these books goes a rare touch of literary beauty and the charm of grace in figure and illustration. The essays, or papers, for it is difficult to name them precisely, are models of expression.

We must interpret life in the pulpit. Indeed, we must interpret our people to themselves. We must discover to the congregation the meaning of the soul and the import of the universe. It is a necessary part of the preacher's work. We feel confident in turning to the Brierley books as showing the way in this great and rewarding work.

BEGBIE'S BROKEN EARTHENWARE.

There is a human document that is worth buying in Begbie's "Twice-Born Men" (Revell; \$1.25). Not that we shall find this type of men in any considerable degree in our parishes; but because this record of experience in conversion is so clear and confirming in its witness that it is of greatest value. The single story of "Old Born Drunk" will furnish illustration and proof in many a private talk or public address.

A HINT FOR OCCASIONAL READING.

F. G. WARD.

It was during a lull in the conference program at Ludington, Michigan. The ministers were browsing in the book room like vegetarians in quest of a toothsome herb. What is a good book? someone asked. Professor Foster spoke up quickly: "The New Basis of Civilization, by Patten." Dr. Foster has been saying this for a year; and since he knows books it is fair to infer that the volume is well worth while.

Out of the discussion following this dialogue there developed a suggestion for some solid reading which may be helpful. It includes three books as follows: Professor N. S. Shaler's last contribution to literature, entitled "Man and the Earth," which was published in 1905. It outlined the whole problem of Conservation years before the subject was made popular by a National Commission or notorious by a national quarrel. Its anticipation of that cosmic unity of life which we now discern only in part, but which humanity will sometime feel, makes a heavy but legitimate tax upon the imagination. Withal the book reads like a story.

The second book, already mentioned, "The New Basis of Civilization," by Professor Simon N. Patten, appeared in 1907. It is concerned with the economic welfare of humanity, but on a broad-gauge platform. It forecasts the possibilities of social advance growing out of the abundance of material wealth in hand. It emphasizes words like coöperation, generosity, character. It is a challenge which quickens the sense of civic responsibility.

The third book is Professor Francis G. Peabody's "Approach to the Social Question." He accords glad recognition to the philosophical, scientific, and ethical contributions to the social progress; he correlates them in a discriminating and constructive fashion; and he saves the whole structure from becoming simply "the transcendent reflection of an existing social ideal" by heading it up into the faith and the will of God. To religion belongs the last word.

These three volumes make a united whole which is all the more happy because it is so undesigned.

SUGGESTED TWENTY-FIVE-DOLLAR GROUPS.

PRACTICAL GROUP.

"The Work of Preaching; the Preacher," Hoyt.....	\$1.00
"Personal Power," Tucker	1.50
"The Christian Pastor in the New Age," Lyman.....	1.00
"Paths to Peace," Gunsaulus.....	1.50
"Little Ten Minutes," Bayley.....	1.00
"The Graded Sunday School," Meyer.....	.75
"The Religion of a Mature Mind," Coe.....	1.35
"The New Basis of Civilization," Patten.....	1.00
"Social Duties from the Christian Point of View," Hender- son	1.25
"Social Solutions in the Light of Christianity," Hall.....	1.50
"Spirit of Youth and the City Streets," Addams.....	1.25
"American Charities," Warner.....	2.00
"Youth, Its Education, Regimen, and Hygiene," Hall....	1.50
"Twentieth Century New Testament".....	2.00
"Short History of the Hebrews," Ottley.....	1.25
"Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land".....	3.40
"The Survey"	2.00

BIBLICAL GROUP.

"Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament," Driver	\$2.50
"Commentary on Genesis," Driver.....	3.00
"The Theology of the Old Testament," Davidson.....	2.50
"Old Testament Prophecy," Davidson.....	3.50
"The Apostolic Age," McGiffert.....	2.50
"Critical Introduction to the New Testament," Peake.....	.75
"A Harmony of the Gospels," Stevens and Burton.....	1.00
"History of New Testament Times," Mathews.....	.75
"Apocrypha"	1.25
"The New Century Bible—Hebrews".....	.90
"The Twentieth Century New Testament".....	2.00
"The Heart of the Gospel," Campbell.....	1.25
"The Origin of Sin," Tennant.....	1.10
"Commentary on Mark," Gould.....	2.50

"Standard Bible Dictionary," Alternate.....	6.00
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THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL GROUP.

"The Problem of Human Life," Eucken.....	\$3.00
"The Philosophy of Religion," Sabatier.....	2.00
"The Apostolic Age," McGiffert.....	2.50
"Textbook of Historic Doctrines," Seeberg.....	4.00
"Psychological Phenomena of Christianity," Cutten.....	2.50
"Christianity and the Social Crisis," RauschenbÜsch.....	1.50
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"Steps of Life," Hilty.....	1.00
"Religion of an Educated Man," Peabody.....	1.50
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SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL GROUP.

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BIOGRAPHICAL AND DEVOTIONAL GROUP.

"Problems of Living; Religion and Experience; Aspects of the Spiritual; Ourselves and the Universe," Brierley..	\$5.40
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"Personal Life of David Livingstone," Blaikie.....	1.50
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